

## REMARKS

During a telephone interview on February 2 and 3, 2010 between Examiner Rizk and the undersigned, the Examiner proposed the above amendments in order to place this application in condition for allowance, citing US 2004/0190629 to Cooper with respect to obtaining the variation of the code block by zero stuffing.

For the sole reason to facilitate issuance of the above-amended claims, the Applicants have agreed to the Examiner's proposal. This amendment does not in any way constitute Applicants' acquiescence with respect to the Examiner's informal citation of US 2004/0190629 to Cooper and is without prejudice to the filing of a continuation application directed to the embodiment of obtaining the variation of the code block by zero stuffing.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance, and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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